

## **Creek Chiefs and Headmen, January 22, 1816, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

### **STATEMENT OF CREEK CHIEFS AND HEAD MEN.**

Fort Strother, January 22, 1816.

The Statement of the undersigned Chiefs and head men of the Creek Nation convened in presence of Genl. John Coffee one of the Commrs. authorised to adjust the line designated by the Treaty of Fort Jackson and all lines connected therewith, Witnesseth That the line between the Cherokee Nation, and that part of the creek Nation ceded to the united states by the aforesaid Treaty, ought of right to begin at the junction of the Estinola, with the Hightowa, and to run from thence to the old Coosada town, on Coosada Island in the Tennessee River, so as to include all the waters of Peach creek, within the Territory ceded to the united states by the Treaty of Fort Jackson, and thence down the Tennessee River to the Chickasaw lands.

The undersigned also state that a number of years ago, when the Cherokees were at war with the white people, part of that Nation was beaten by Genl. Sevier, and driven back, when they applied to the creek nation for lands to live on, which was granted for that purpose by the Creek Nation, who appointed three persons (Viz) Chinnabie, The Dog Warrior, and the Old Lieutenant, who were to lay off the bounds of said lands, so to be loaned to the Cherokee Nation, which were as follows. Beginning at the junction of the Estinola, with the Hightowa, running down the Coosa river with its meanders to the mouth of Wills creek, thence up said creek to the line dividing the lands of the Cherokees, from those of the creeks, so as to include all the lands in the forks of Will,s creek with the Coosa river. The undersigned also state, that the above tract of land was only loaned to

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the Cherokees, and that the said lands were always considered the property of the creek nation. They also state that any other settlement made by the Cherokee Indians, to the westward of the above described lines, have been made on the Creek lands, without the Consent of the creek nation.

In Testimony whereof the undersigned have in presence of the subscribing witnesses hereunto set their hands, at Fort Strother, on the 22nd, of January 1816

Witness Charles Cassidy

John Hutchings

Zachariah Mangum

Creswell Mc. Donald

James Qualls Interpreter.